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(iv) after clause *sixthly*, the following clause shall be added, namely :—

" *seventhly*, the use to which the land was put at the date of publication of the notification under section 4, sub-section (1)";

(*b*) in sub-section (2), *for* the words " fifteen per centum ", the words " five per centum " shall be *substituted*.

The amendment was put and carried.

Clause 3, as amended, was put and carried.

Clauses 4 and 5 were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

" That the Land Acquisition (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1961) as amended be passed."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is—

" That the Land Acquisition (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 11 of 1961) as amended be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill as amended was passed.

(5) THE INDIAN STAMP (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL NO. 14 OF 1961).

* THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move—

" That the Indian Stamp (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1961) be taken into consideration."[a]

By the Indian Stamp (Amendment) Act 1955 (Central Act 43 of 1955), which came into force on 1st April 1956, the rate of stamp duty on instruments relating to transfer of shares in an incorporated Company or other body corporate has been reduced to a rate of 12 annas (75 nP.) for every hundred rupees or part thereof of the value of the shares and this rate is uniform throughout India. The instrument relating to transfer of debentures and those relating to transfer of debenture stocks are similar to those relating to transfer of shares. They are however chargeable in this State with *ad valorem* stamp duty equal to one half of the duty payable on a conveyance equal to the face amount of the debenture. The Government of India have stated that it has been pointed out to them that investors buy debentures on considerations of interest yield in the same manner as they buy Government securities, that a relatively heavy stamp duty is a powerful deterrent to the ready negotiability of debentures, that most of the debentures are in the

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registered form and that the stamp duty payable on their transfer imposes a heavy burden on investors and seriously restricts free negotiability. They consider that at a time when it is sought to bring about uniformity in trading practices observed on Stock Exchange in the country, it is not only desirable but necessary that duties on all the instruments of the nature mentioned above should as far as possible be identical and uniform throughout the country. It is accordingly desirable that the duty on instruments relating to transfer of debentures and transfer of debenture stocks should also be reduced and fixed at the rate prescribed for transfer of shares.

The quantum of loss of revenue per annum that may result on account of the reduction of stamp duty on transfer of debentures cannot be assessed now.

The Bill does not involve expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State; therefore no Financial Memorandum is necessary under Rule 89 of the Madras Assembly Rules. No Memorandum regarding delegated legislation is necessary under Rule 90 of the said Rules as the Bill does not involve delegation of the legislative powers.

I request the House, Sir, to accept the motion.

இது வருமானத்தைக் குறைத்துக்கொள்கிற சட்டம். இது மாதிரி சட்டம் கொண்டு வரப்படுவதே இல்லை. 'இப்போது என் இது கொண்டு வரப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று சொல்கிறேன். ஷேர்களை எல்லாம் மாற்றுவதற்கு ஒரு ரேட் இருக்கிறது. நூற்றுக்கு முக்கால் ரூபாய் என்று இருக்கிறது. டிபென்சருக்கு விற்பனை ரேட்டில் பாதி என்று இருக்கிறது. டிபென்சர் என்றாலும் ஒருத்தர் இன்னொருத்தருக்கு மாற்றுவது—அடமான முறையில். ஷேர்களை எப்படி மாற்றுகிறார்களோ அப்படி டிபென்சர்களைக் கூட மாற்றுவதற்கு ஒரே ரேட்டாக நூற்றுக்கு முக்கால் ரூபாய் என்கிறபடி இருந்தால் நல்லது என்பதுதான் கருத்து. இதிலே அபிப்பிராய பேதம் இருக்காது என்று நினைக்கிறேன். இதைச் சபை அங்கீகரிக்க வேண்டும் என்று கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறேன்.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Motion moved—

"That the Indian Stamp (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1961) be taken into consideration."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Sir, I may say that Government have at last chosen to bring about a reduction in tax. Probably this is the first time they have done so in the annals of the present Government. There is nothing for me to say except to welcome this Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :

"That the Indian Stamp (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1961) be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clause 2 was put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I move :

"That the Indian Stamp (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1961) be passed."

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is :—

"That the Indian Stamp (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1961 (L.A. Bill No. 14 of 1961) be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

10-45 a.m. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 8-30 a.m. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned.

VI.—PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

A.—Statutory Rules and Orders.

Nil.

B.—Reports, Notifications and other papers.

137. ***The Madras Appropriation (No. 3) Bill,*** **1961 (*L.A. Bill No.* 20 *of* 1961).**